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Title: SUTURE APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STERNAL CLOSURE.☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 23☒ Declaration: Date Signed: 9.9.03☒ Drawing(s): Nr. of Sheets Enc.: (In Triplicate): Formal: ☒ Informal: 10 SHEETS☒ Small Entity Declaration Of Inventor(s) ☐ SED of Non-Inventor / Assignee/Licensee☐ Assignment; please record and return; recordal fee enclosed. (NONE)☒ Check for \$ 375⁰⁰ for:☒ \$ 375⁰⁰ for filing fee (not more than three independent claims and twenty total claims are presented).☒ \$ 0 Additional if Assignment is enclosed for recordal.☒ Return Receipt Postcard Addressed to Applicant #1.

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Very respectfully,

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